



CROQUET TASMANIA NEWSLETTER

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CT OFFICE BEARERS for 2017–18

Executive

President	Bob Godfrey
Vice-President	Lizzie Bassett
Secretary	June Pongratz
Treasurer	Graham Keating
Assistant Secretary	Sally Liggins
Southern Representative	Ian Bassett
Northern Representative	Joan Williams

Appointments

Competitions Convener	Patsy Paine
Competitions Secretary	Sally Liggins
Directors of Refereeing	Lizzie Bassett (AC), Graeme Denehey (GC)

AC Selectors

Leigh Herington, Lizzie Bassett, Callum Hyland, plus coach and immediate past captain (all to serve until May 2018)

GC Selectors

Patsy Paine, Lee Turner, Graham Keating, Peter Tracey, Henry Burbury (all to serve until January 2018)

Director of GC	vacant
Director of AC	Ian Bassett
Director of U21 croquet	Peter Tracey
State Handicapper	Lizzie Bassett (GC and AC); Peter Tracey (recorder)

Promotions North	Lee Turner
Promotions South	vacant
Constitution Officer	Bob Godfrey
Web Officer	Sally Liggins
Director of Coaching	Sue Beattie
News Correspondent	June Pongratz
GC Pennant Co-ordinator	Graham Keating
AC Pennant Co-ordinators	Peter Tracey and Rob McAdam

EAST LAUNCESTON CROQUET CLUB

A long-standing member, Heather Archer, was recently awarded Life Membership of the East Launceston Croquet Club. Heather is a very much loved and respected member of our club and her on-going enthusiasm for the game of croquet is an inspiration to many.

Nan Woodward. Nan is remembered as a valuable and respected member of the East Launceston Croquet Club. When Nan was no longer able to play she maintained an interest in the club from afar. Thanks Nan for your friendship and passing-on of knowledge of the game of croquet to many over the years. Nan passed away on the 22 June 2017.

Congratulations to our two club members, Ruth McKean and Grantley Willson, for their success in the NRCC AC championship. It was closely fought, with Steff Anderson (Latrobe) and Kaye Jeffery (St Leonards) making up a great field. Ruth McKean was the winner with Grantley a close runner-up. Well done to all.

Welcome to new members Robin and Pam Claxton, Robin Yates, Sandra Cheek and Noel Cheetham.

Maintenance has commenced on the lawn and thanks to the club members who were enthusiastic with rakes, spades etc. following scarifying – Stewart Von See, Paul Boer, Lynne Farrell, Sue Wise, Trevor Curtis-Flynn and Grantley Willson. It was a great team effort on what one could call a freezing, miserable day but made brighter by a happy attitude by all.

The ELCC AGM will be held on the 19 August at 11am, followed by lunch, refreshments and play.

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MASTERS GAMES CROQUET



Venue

Latrobe Croquet Club, 63 George Street, Latrobe

Dates

Golf Croquet:

Sunday 22 October – Saturday 28 October 2017

Association Croquet:

Sunday 22 October – Friday 27 October 2017

Times

Golf Croquet: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Association Croquet: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

More information from

www.australianmastersgames.com

From the President ...



I expect that by now the news will have filtered through to clubs that at the AGM there were no written nominations received for President, and no nominations made from the floor of the AGM, so I have volunteered to

serve as President for one last year, as next year (under the Constitution) I am ineligible to stand.

I am pleased to report that Lizzie Bassett was elected Vice-President on the retirement of Henry Burbury and I look forward to working with Lizzie and gradually handing over duties to her. She brings a wealth of experience to the role which I am confident will serve the TCA well in the years to come.

The last couple of years have seen several changes, particularly to the competition program, so this year I will concentrate on consolidating existing practices and bringing the TCA by-laws and other documentation up to date to ease the path for my successor.

There were also changes to the Northern and Southern club representatives on the Executive. Peter Tracey elected not to stand again, and has been replaced by Ian Bassett. Lee Turner withdrew her nomination, and was replaced by Joan Williams from the St Leonards club. I am sure you will all join me in thanking these retiring members for their service over the years and I commend the new members of the Executive to you all.

It was disappointing to have to cancel the annual presentation dinner, but the number of indicated attendees was too low to justify holding the event. The Executive will need to decide whether or not to try for another dinner next year, and whether it will be a presentation night as in the past or simply an end-

of-season celebration. There is some feeling I know that the award part of the night goes on too long, but it is important nevertheless to recognise winners of tournaments and pennants. For tournaments there is the alternative of presenting the trophy at the end of each event, and for pennants to present the flag at the first fixture of the following season. Please feel free to let Executive members know your thoughts on this issue.

Whatever is decided for the future, the cancellation of the dinner this year will have disappointed some individuals and clubs. If any club/individual would like the President or Vice President to come to a club and formally make a presentation to that club's players, let me know.

Finally, I wish all clubs and players well for the upcoming season, and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Bob Godfrey, President

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

There is a new page on our Croquet Tasmania website. It is reached via the Forum option on the Members' menu.

This is where you can ask questions, air opinions, make suggestions, criticise or praise — anonymously if you prefer.

Your posts will be monitored and may be edited before they are published (unlike Facebook entries).

Or you can just read what other members are asking, praising, suggesting, criticising ...

Royal Park Croquet Club

The past twelve months have been very busy for Royal Park. The new club house took longer than expected to complete. Planning began early in 2016, construction began in October and completed eight or so weeks later. We are very proud of our achievement and the quality of our new club house. During the renovation period we were unable to play at our club due to asbestos removal etc., but some of our members made use of the NTCC lawns at St Leonards for a game while other members had a nice winter break.

The annual Nunn Trophy was played in Feb/March this year and the singles won by Lois Richards and doubles by Lois Richards and Mae De Carteret. We are a few members short at the moment due to ill health and relocations but hope to improve the numbers in the next few months with an invitation day planned for prospective members .

We had the sad loss of one of our oldest members Mrs Mare Dickens a couple of months ago and she is missed by us all. A player of both association and golf croquet it has left a void in our club. We are planning a new event to be called the Mare Dickens Trophy and this will also be our Club Championship competition. I am sure all members will be happy to participate in this new event.

Members of the Royal Park Croquet Club, which is affiliated with the Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre at St Leonards, have also been very active in the catering for the recent successful events held at the NTasCC.

St Helens Weekend Coming Up July 29–30



The Annual Tournament is on again! Make your bookings and come to St Helens for this weekend of fun, friendly competition and sunshine (hopefully). The cost for the weekend will be \$20.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch on the Saturday. The dinner this year will be at The Bayside Inn. Cost is \$28.00 for two courses with four choices. For more details please phone Eddie or Lesley Burns at 63762352 or 0419315797 e-mail lesleydonaldson8@gmail.com

Entries to Patsy Paine e-mail patsy.paine12@gmail.com by 21 July (you can pay when you get there)

BELOW: Pictured outside the new Royal Park CC club house (left to right): Anne O'Byrne, Margaret Tyne (Treasurer), Lois Richards (President), Diane Oliver, Lynton Holyman, Sheila Briginshaw and Pat Traill (Secretary).





All the entrants in the Kingston Croquet Club 19-hoop tournament. Photos courtesy of Robbie Lee.

Kingston Croquet Club Tournament

The third annual playing of the Kingston Croquet Club's 19-Hoop GC Tournament took place over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in cool (14°C) but fine and sunny weather conditions.

Eighteen players were divided into four blocks prior to progressing to a seeded knockout round of sixteen with those eliminated at this stage and the losers of the first round of the knockout all participating in a knockout Plate event.

Block play was all played through Friday and Saturday and the finalists notified the next day's playing times before leaving for the evening. Although entrants had a wide range of handicaps (0 to 8) the majority of block games were fiercely contested with 9 of the 32 losers scoring at least 8 hoops.

Results of the block play were as expected in three of the blocks. However, a new talent emerged in Block C — Phillip Roach, a handicap 6 player from the Kingston club who commenced playing croquet less than twelve months ago, topped his block undefeated. At the end of the Tournament the State Handicapper dropped Phil's handicap to 3.

A high-quality field progressed to the quarter finals – Rob McAdam v. Hugh Denny, Lizzie Bassett v. Phil Roach, Bob Bye v. Ruth McKean and Sue Beattie v. Graham Keating. Rob McAdam, Bob Bye, Phil Roach and Sue Beattie advanced to the finals. Final results – 1. Sue Beattie, 2. Rob McAdam, 3. Bob Bye and 4. Phil Roach.

The generosity of the Tournament sponsor — McDevitt Property, a local family-owned realtor which commenced business in 1920 — enabled the KCC to offer a prize pool of \$900 which was shared between the first four place getters. Sue Beattie, winner of the Tournament, received the handsome Perpetual Trophy donated by KCC stalwarts, Gwen and Graeme Denehey, in addition to the winner's cheque of \$360. The Plate was won by Ian Bassett.

Thanks to all the contributors to this issue of the newsletter. Deadline for the next issue: 30 September.

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NEW TOWN SUNDAY WINTER COMPETITION

The New Town Croquet club is once again holding the Association Winter Comp, held each Sunday throughout winter and thoroughly enjoying doing so. It is great to see three lawns full in the middle of winter and is an indication that New Town is going forward from strength to strength. The lawns are running well thanks to Leigh Herington and Henry Burbury.

This tournament is again proving to be very popular with players of varying ability trying different things, such as peeling. This is encouraged by the rules and the fact that it doesn't count on handicap cards; the games are timed at 2½ hours and extra turn after the bell. We try to ensure that everyone plays everyone on a fairly even basis.

A win is worth 5 points. Extra points are given for peeling any of the 4 back, penultimate and rover hoops. Triple peels are worth 5 bonus points if pegged out. Any player on less than 2 handicap gets half points and a player with a handicap greater than 7 gets double points.

It is a really fun way to spend winter Sundays and luckily most have been sunny. We all eat lunch together after the first game during which many interesting discussions have been held re tactics etc. It is a good learning experience for all. It has been so successful that most weeks there is a waiting list and we have been using all three courts, double banked.

We are playing across all divisions and we promise the hoops won't be as tight as shown in the photo below.

If you would like to join us, ring Ian Bassett on 0428575269 or Lizzie on 0409799462.



Golf Croquet Wrong Ball Play — the basics

Paper prepared by Graeme Denehey

Scenario 1

In *singles* if you are the player of blue and black and when it is your turn to play, you play black instead of blue the balls should be replaced and the correct ball played — no penalty. The opponent or Referee should forestall (stop play) if possible before the ball is played. Rationale: In singles you own both balls.

Scenario 2

In *singles*, if, when it is your turn to play, instead of playing your own ball, (blue or black) you play the opponent's ball (red or yellow) then wrong ball penalty applies. The opponent or the Referee should not forestall (stop play) before the ball is played in this scenario.

Penalty: The opponent has the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also then may play either ball (red or yellow) — that is the sequence of play may be changed.

Scenario 3

In *doubles* if, when it is your turn to play, and your ball is blue and your partner's ball is black you play any ball other than your own blue ball, then wrong ball penalty applies.

Penalty: The opponents have the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also may play either ball (red or yellow) - that is the sequence of play may be changed.

Rationale: In doubles you only own one ball — the blue in this case.

Scenario 4

In *doubles* if your ball is blue and your partner's ball is black and it is your turn to play blue but instead your partner plays their black ball then no penalty. The black ball and any other balls are replaced and the blue ball is played.

Rationale: In doubles each partner owns their own ball

Scenario 5

In *singles* or *doubles* if you play any ball when it is not your side's turn to play, (i.e., you play out of sequence) then the full wrong ball penalty applies.

Penalty: The opponent/s have the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also may play either of their balls, that is the sequence of play may be changed.



HOW TIME FLIES

Members of the Latrobe Croquet Club celebrated the anniversary of their first meeting in May 2016 with a lunch at the Cherry Shed.

REFEREES NEEDED

Please ask any of your members who are qualified referees in either AC or GC if they will be interested in refereeing any of the games to be held from 21–28 October at Latrobe. If they have already registered to play they can still be referees, just so long as they register as such with the organisers. Please email Chris West (chwest@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0499 990 239.

(MORE) REFEREES NEEDED

Are any GC referees who may be visiting Queensland for the Interstate Golf Croquet Championships in Brisbane prepared to referee? The CAQ Board is offering \$50 per day, maximum \$250, to visiting interstate referees willing to assist during the Men's, Women's and Interstate Shield events 2–10 September 2017.

Please contact:

Keith McLeod – agari10@gmail.com

Liz Fleming – lizowl@bigpond.com

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WHY PLAY GATEBALL?

Gateball is a mallet sport similar to croquet. It is a fast-paced, non-contact, highly-strategic team game, which can be played by anyone regardless of age or gender. Although relatively new in Australia, it is played by millions of people throughout Asia and South America.

Basics of the game

Gateball is played on a rectangular court 20 metres long and 15 metres wide. Courts are usually grass, but can also be clay, gravel or concrete. Each court has three gates and a goal pole. The game is played by two teams (red and white) of five players. Each player has a numbered ball corresponding to their playing order. The odd-numbered balls are red and the even-numbered balls are white. Teams score one point for each ball hit through a gate and two points for hitting the goal pole. A game of gateball lasts for 30 minutes. The winner is the team that has the most points at the end of the game.

For more information about the game, and action videos, see www.gateball.com.au.

Enquiries to info@gateball.com.au.

Northern Tasmania Croquet Centre

Northern croquet players have been busy at the NTasCC. A working bee was held on 14 June to reduce the number of lawns from eight to six. Thanks to Kaye and Denis, who worked all day, and their team of helpers - Rod, Stuart, David, Paul, Lynne, Joan, Pat and Lois.



Grants and awards

Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards 2017

The 2017 Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards are now open.

The awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout Tasmania.

The Get Moving Tasmania Physical Activity Award is part of this for the second year. This award recognises programs, services and projects that increase, improve or provide physical activity participation opportunities in communities. The award acknowledges the important role not-for-profit community organisations play in promoting and providing physical activity.

We encourage not-for-profit organisations to submit an entry, or if you are aware of a not-for-profit organisation doing great things in the physical activity space, you can nominate them yourself.

Nominations close on Wednesday 23 August 2017. To enter or to view more information visit the Community Achievement Awards website.



The Tasmanian Community Fund Grant Round 35 will open on 22 July 2017. Guidelines and links to application forms will be available in mid-July at www.tascomfund.org or by contacting the TCF office on 6232 7043 or 6232 7269.

Applications Open for Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program

Applications are now open for funding through the Sport and Recreation Major Grants Program, which is aimed at helping organisations that provide sport and active recreation participation opportunities.

Funds may be used towards major equipment purchases and/or the development or improvement of facilities or playing surfaces.

Projects must directly benefit sport and recreation clubs and improve opportunities for Tasmanians to participate.

It is expected that around \$800,000 will be available for distribution, with eligible applicants able to apply for amounts between \$15,000 and \$80,000 and up to half of their total project costs.

The Program is open from 1 July to 2 November 2017.

Funds are made available from the Community Support Levy. Communities, Sport and Recreation can be contacted on 1800 204 224 or at csrgrants@dpac.tas.gov.au. For more information, visit www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/sportrec



Kingston CC 19-hoop tournament: waiting for play to begin.